

“Civility in America” welcomes September’s speaker:

We are pleased to announce September’s installment of the “Civility in America” series with a powerhouse speaker taking the stage at the Ferguson Library.

“Civility in Business” - Thomas J. Donohue is President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Since assuming his position in 1997, Donohue has built the Chamber into a lobbying and political powerhouse with expanded influence across the globe.

During Donohue’s tenure, the Chamber’s lobbyists, policy experts, legal advocates, and communicators have helped secure business victories on Capitol Hill, in the regulatory agencies, in politics, in courts of law and in the court of public opinion, and before governments around the world.

Previously, Donohue served for 13 years as president and CEO of the American Trucking Associations, the national organization of the trucking industry. Earlier in his career, Donohue was deputy assistant postmaster general of the United States and vice president of development at Fairfield University in Connecticut. He serves on the boards of Union Pacific Corporation and Sunrise Senior Living Corporation.

Born in New York City, Donohue earned a bachelor’s degree from St. John’s University and a master’s degree in business administration from Adelphi University. He holds honorary doctorate degrees from Adelphi, St. John’s, and Marymount universities, as well as the National University of Ireland at Maynooth. Donohue and his wife, Liz, live in Potomac, Maryland. They have three sons and five grandchildren.